

FREE THE NIPPLE – SPRINGFIELD
RESIDENTS PROMOTING EQUALITY,
JESSICA LAWSON, and
AMBER HUTCHISON,

Plaintiffs,

v.

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI,

Defendant.

Case No. 15-3467-CV-S-BP

The Court participated in a telephone conference with the parties earlier today to discuss (1) the likelihood of this case being resolved based on the parties' motions and (2) whether mediation of at least some of Plaintiffs' claims would be productive. This case is currently set for a bench trial on September 18, 2017. The pretrial conference is set for September 8, and a telephone conference is set for August 25. However, the parties have filed cross-motions for summary judgment. The Court has reviewed the parties' filings and has determined that all claims will be resolved based on the parties' arguments. Therefore, the settings for the telephone conference, pretrial conference, and trial are canceled.

The Court will refer this matter to the Director of the Mediation and Assessment Program so that the parties can attempt to resolve at least some, if not all, of the claims in this case. The Court will withhold a ruling on the parties' motions until mediation efforts are completed. The parties will be contacted by the Director in order to schedule the mediation. However, the parties

are advised that the mediation must occur relatively soon, both because of the Director's schedule and because the Court wants to avoid a lengthy delay in ruling on the motions.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/ Beth Phillips

BETH PHILLIPS, JUDGE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DATE: August 10, 2017